

## Thirteenth Annual Antitrust Lawyer of the Year

The Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the State Bar of California is pleased to honor **Thomas A. Papageorge** as the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year for 2004.

Tom Papageorge has devoted his 27-year legal career to advancing the principles of antitrust and unfair competition law in many different roles—as a leading trade regulation prosecutor, law professor, prodigious author, legislative advocate, bar association leader, and featured speaker.

A graduate of UCLA and the Harvard Law School, Tom began his trade regulation career as trial attorney and Deputy Assistant Director of the Federal Trade Commission in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., to which agency he returned as Regional Director of the Los Angeles Regional Office in a leave of absence in 1991-1992. Since 1984 he has served as Head Deputy District Attorney of the Consumer Protection Division in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, where he supervises the antitrust, consumer protection, high technology crime, environmental, and criminal profiteering sections.

Tom has been lead counsel in more than 60 antitrust and unfair competition prosecutions, many of them groundbreaking. His major cases have included: the first felony conspiracy convictions under the Cartwright Act (*People v. Progressive Produce, et al.*); the then-largest antitrust criminal prosecution in California history in the eight-defendant case producing the first Cartwright Act felony jail sentence (*People v. Waste Management, et al.*); and the then-second largest consumer protection enforcement judgment in state history (the \$10 million judgment in *People v. Levitz Furniture/GE Capital*).

Author or co-author of four books and more than twenty law review articles on antitrust and unfair competition topics, Tom's treatise *California White Collar Crime*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Lexis/Matthew Bender, 2000), with Robert C. Fellmeth, is the principal reference work for California's trade regulation prosecutors. Tom has been the antitrust and white collar crime adjunct professor at Whittier Law School since 1982, acting as Associate Dean in 1990-91.

Tom has served the District Attorney's Office and the California District Attorneys Association as their principal legislative advocate for trade regulation matters since 1985, making more than 150 appearances before the California Legislature. He is the primary or sole draftsman of 30 antitrust and consumer protection bills, including California's identity theft statute (AB 156, 1997), California's commercial bribery statute (SB 569, 1989), and key portions of the Cartwright Act (SB 2576 and SB 109, 1990) and the Unfair Competition Law (SB 1586, 1992).

A twenty-year member or advisor of the Antitrust Section executive committees of both the State Bar and Los Angeles County Bar, Tom chaired both sections and was the founder and first editor of the State Bar's journal *Competition*, to which he has contributed frequently. He chaired the California District Attorneys Association Consumer Protection Committee from 1985-1990, and continues as a leader and legislative advocate for CDAA.

From 2001-2003 Tom served as Enforcement Monitor for the California Contractors State License Board under appointment from the Davis Administration, a post created by the State Legislature to reform the enforcement and disciplinary system for California's 270,000 licensed contractors.

Tom is married to the former Sue Starkey, with whom he has daughters Kate (17) and Jane (12) and son Nick (15).

